

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In paragraph 14, please change reference numeral 22 to reference numeral 20, as follows:

[0014] The jacket 14 surrounds the core 12 and is fabricated from a known insulative, i.e., nonconductive, material. The jacket 14 includes a smooth inner surface 20, and a number of ribs or splines 22 extending inward from the inner surface 2220 toward the core 12. When the jacket 14 is in place over the core 12, the splines 22 maintain the core 12 in position relative to the jacket 14. That is, as the cable 10 is handled and manipulated, whether in manufacturing, distribution, or installation of the cable 10, the splines 22 secure the core 12 in a stationary position relative to the jacket 14. As such, the headroom of the cable 10 will not be influenced or affected by handling and installation of the cable 10.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. Applicants request entry of the foregoing preliminary Amendment. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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